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OPERATION PREDATOR ARRESTS SURPASS 5,000

North Texas accounts for more than 190 arrests in initiative targeting child sex predators

DALLAS, Texas – More than 190 of the 5,000 child sex offenders arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as part of an ongoing international initiative known as Operation Predator have occurred in north Texas, making the state one of the top 10 in the nation in terms of most arrests.

Michael J. Garcia, Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for ICE, announced today that arrests in the 20-month long effort have surpassed 5,000. Among those individuals arrested here are:

- Kameron_Monk, 48, was arrested by ICE Dallas special agents after executing a search warrant at his home in Palestine, Texas. They discovered more than 5,000 movie clips and images of child pornography on his computer. He was convicted, and was sentenced Feb. 7 to 121 months (10+ years) in prison. As a result of this investigation, and based on an image that was found in Monk's computer, ICE agents were able to identify a child that was being sexually abused in Montana. They removed him from that terrible environment. His molester is now also being prosecuted on state and federal charges in Montana.
- Gulab Chand Jain, 76, from India, obtained permanent resident status in the U.S. ICE Dallas special agents arrested Jain Feb. 3 outside his home in Haskell, Texas. He was placed in deportation proceedings as an aggravated felon due to his previous conviction in Galveston County, Texas, on 10 counts of Indecency with a Child, which included 10 different victims, ranging in age from 6 to 9 years old.

Operation Predator is a comprehensive initiative aimed at those who prey on and exploit children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign national predators whose crimes make them deportable.

"Protecting our children from sexual predators is an important part of protecting our Homeland," said Kenneth Cates, ICE Dallas special agent-in-charge. "Under Operation Predator, we're able to use our unique immigration and customs enforcement authorities to remove these predators from the streets, and in most cases, permanently remove them from the country. It's one of the most satisfying parts of our job."

Operation Predator evolved out of ICE's mission to find and deport illegal aliens -- particularly those with criminal records, and reflects the agency's traditional public safety mission. Those arrested fall into four general categories:

Foreign National Child Predators: More than 85 percent of the arrests in Operation Predator involve foreign national sex offenders whose crimes make them removable from the United States. To date, more than 2,100 of these predators have been deported. Of the 191 arrests made by the ICE Dallas Office of Investigations under Operation Predator, 181 were foreign-born nationals who had been convicted of violent crimes committed against children.

International Child Sex Tourists: Working cooperatively with foreign governments through ICE's attaché offices worldwide, ICE agents have made 14 arrests, including the first 12 arrests, under the child sex tourism provisions of the PROTECT Act.

Human Smuggling & Trafficking of Children: The criminal networks engaged in human smuggling and trafficking have become more violent and more profit-driven than ever before. At the same time, some of their victims are getting younger and younger.

Internet Child Pornography: Drawing on ICE's cyber crime investigative expertise, ICE is tackling the crimes that cross the nation's virtual borders. One massive investigation has resulted in more than 1,200 arrests worldwide and marks the first time the government has gone after the financial side of child pornography. Moreover, through the National Child Victim Identification System, more than 1,600 pornographic images containing child pornography have been authenticated.

Additional information about Operation Predator is available on the Web at www.ice.gov. ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.